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HAIPHONG/CAT BI AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
2049N 10643E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS THE STATUS OF HAIPHONG/CAT BI AIRFIELD.

2. LOCATION:

THE AIRFIELD IS LOCATED 3.5 NM SOUTHEAST OF HAIPHONG.

3. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT HAIPHONG/CAT BI AIRFIELD WAS BUILT BY THE FRENCH IN 1939 AND DEVELOPED AND USED BY THE JAPANESE IN WORLD WAR II. THE AIRFIELD WAS REHABILITATED BY THE FRENCH IN THE EARLY 1950'S AND WAS THE PRINCIPAL FRENCH AIR BASE IN NORTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, MOST OF THE FACILITIES WERE DISMANTLED BY THE FRENCH AIR FORCE BEFORE THEIR WITHDRAWAL IN MAY 1955.

4. MISSION READOUT:

BLUE SPRINGS [REDACTED] REVEALS HAIPHONG/CAT BI AIRFIELD TO CONSIST OF ONE SERVICEABLE 7,700 X 190 FT ENE/WSW, CONCRETE/ASPHALT RUNWAY. THE FORMER NNW/SSE CONCRETE RUNWAY IS NOW USED AS A PARKING APRON.

OTHER FACILITIES OBSERVED INCLUDE A PARALLEL TAXIWAY WITH TWO END-CONNECTING AND THREE CROSSOVER LINKS, A PARKING APRON NEAR THE WEST END OF THE RUNWAY, TWO LARGE AND ONE SMALL HANGARS, A CONTROL TOWER/OPERATIONS BUILDING, AND APPROXIMATELY FORTY SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

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